GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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TOURISM POTENTIAL IN KERALA
SURESH KODIKUNNIL

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have appointed any expert team to study the tourism potential in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its date of appointment;

(c) whether the Committee has since presented its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the State Government of Kerala have submitted any project for tourism development in the State;

(f) if so, the details of the projects submitted;
(g) whether there have been any possibilities for development of Eco Tourism in the State; and
(h) if so, the assistance provided by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): No, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d): Do not arise.

(e) and (f): Yes, Sir. During the year 1999-2000, Government of Kerala has submitted various projects for development of tourism in the State which include Backwater side amenities at Kotharalhode, Nedumudi and Vattakkayal, integrated development of Kovalam Beach, Vagamon tourist resort, Eco friendly floating resort at Pathnamanal, road linkages from Thekkady to Munnar and projects relating to fairs and festivals. An amount of Rs.699.28 lakhs has been sanctioned to the State Government for various projects submitted by them during the year 1999-2000.

(g) and (h): Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala has taken up Thenmala Eco-tourism projects to promote Eco-tourism in the high ranges of districts of Thiruvanathapuram, Kollam and Pathanamthitta with Thenmala as the focal point. During the year 1999- 2000, an amount of Rs.138.09 lakhs has been sanctioned for promotion of Eco-tourism in the State.